

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & CONSERVATION PROCLAMATION

**SPECIAL FIRE RESTRICTIONS - STAGE II**

This Proclamation is issued in compliance with State of Montana Fire Regulation Number 9 (Sub-Chapter 1, 36.10.119 Administrative Rules of Montana) promulgated under authority of Section 76-13-109 Montana Code Annotated which restricts certain activities on forest lands (as defined under Section 76-13-102(8) Montana Code Annotated).

The following acts are prohibited on all State lands and private forested lands lying within the boundaries of Gallatin County and Park County. These restrictions become effective as of 0001a.m. Mountain Daylight Time, Saturday, the 18th day of August, 2007, and will remain in effect until rescinded or revoked:

1. Building maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire or stove fire.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
3. The following acts are prohibited from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.:
  - a. Operating any internal combustion engine.
  - b. Welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame.
  - c. Using an explosive.

A patrol is required for two hours following cessation of all work as described above

4. Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails.

**Exemptions:**

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a device fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and off.
3. Operating motorized vehicles on designated roads and trails.
4. Emergency repair of public utilities and railroads as per attached conditions.
5. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.

**Additional Exemptions Specific to the South Central Restrictions Area:**

6. Farming and ranching operations, including:
  - a. agricultural harvest, planting, and tilling;
  - b. care of livestock (feeding, tending, watering or moving);
  - c. routine fence and other maintenance.
7. Utilities, communications and cable television operations, including:
  - a. emergency repairs;
  - b. routine maintenance of distribution lines, transmission lines and right-of-way.
8. Residential and Commercial construction on previously cleared sites.
9. Use of wood stoves within a structure (e.g. cabin) with an approved spark arrestor.

*An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the exempted activity.*

Dated this 16th day of August 2007, at Missoula, Montana.

/S/ Robert A. Harrington  
Robert A. Harrington  
STATE FORESTER

Failure to comply with this order is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment in a county jail for not more than 6 months or both (76-13-112 Montana Code Annotated).